

(Gen. Robert Lee) Bullard Home  
Oak Bowery, Alabama

Chambers Co.

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District No. 16

Historic American Buildings Survey  
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Project #16-506  
BULLARD HOME  
Oak Bowery, Alabama

HISTORICAL DATA:

Built in 1850.

Ownership:

James Dowdell built this plantation house.  
James Dowdell, Jr., Congressman, second owner.  
James R. Dowdell, Chief Justice, third owner.  
John H. Matthews, fourth owner.  
Will C. Mathews, fifth owner.  
Daniel H. Bullard, sixth owner.  
Dan Bullard and sisters, Mrs. Richards and Mrs.  
Davis are the seventh owners and present owners.

Present Occupants:

Dan Bullard, Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Davis.

These present owners and occupants of this home  
are the children of Daniel H. Bullard, and the  
sisters and brother of General Robert Lee  
Bullard.

James Dowdell, Sr.:

Came to Alabama from Georgia, shortly after the  
Indians had been removed from this section of  
the State, about 1836.

He erected his home for a homestead.

Daniel H. Bullard:

Came to Alabama from North Carolina in 1839. He  
first settled at the little village of Yongs-  
borough. Probably was one of the original settl-  
ers here at Yongsborough.

General Robert Lee Bullard:

Born at Yongsborough, January 15, 1861.  
Spent boyhood in this house at Oak Bowery.

Source of Material:

Peter A. Brannon, State Dep. of Archives and History.  
Streeter Wyatt, of the measuring force, Auburn, Ala.

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GENERAL ROBERT LEE BULLARD HOME  
Oak Bowery, Chambers County, Alabama.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The two-storey porch of this old house of Greek Revival type has square fluted columns and an architrave with rectangular sunken panels. The balcony inside the porch has a delicate lattice railing and turned posts.

The roof is low-pitched and hipped. The tin heads of the rain conductors bear the date of erection of the building. A detail of the head is shown on the Historic American Buildings Survey drawings.

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